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TO CARELESSNESS AND POOR MAINTENANCE

URGES PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS -- Wen-hui Pao, 16 Feb 50.

Pei-p'ing, 14 February -- An editorial, entitled "Stop Carelessness and Improve Technical Skill, Abolish Accidents and Guarantee Safe Operation of Trains," appeared in a recent issue of the Jen-min T'ieh-tao-pao (People's Railroad News).

The editorial pointed out that although considerable progress was made towards efficient operation of railroads during January and February 1950, nevertheless the number of railroad accidents during the same period had also increased.

The following major accidents have occurred so far in 1950:

12 January. Collision of trains at Nan-chang-ts'un station in the T'ai-yuan Railroad District. Cause: engineer disregarding stop signal, went through the station.

23 January. Head-on collision of trains at Hua-ch'i-ying station in the Chin-nan Railroad District. Cause: erroneous setting of switch. In this accident, the worst since the establishment of the Ministry of Railroads, 62 persons were killed.

3 February. Collision of train and handcar, and derailment of train on the section between Li-yuan and Hou-ma in the T'ai-yuan Railroad District.

4 February. Collision of trains at Ts'ang-hsien station in the T'ien-ching Railroad District. Cause: erroneous setting of switch.

7 February. Collision of trains at Lai-yang station in Shen-yang Hsien. Cause: brakeman moved train without proper authority.

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According to data from all the railroad bureaus in China, railroad accidents, personal injuries, and property loss from the accidents, during the period between 1 January and 5 February 1950, were as follows: train collisions 20, derailments 93, separation of cars 103, minor accidents 157 (including one dynamiting), personal injuries 84 persons, loss of equipment 3 locomotives and 31 other pieces of rolling stock.

FREIGHT TRAIN OVERTURNS ON YUEH-HAN LINE -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 16 Feb 50

Kuang-chou, 15 February -- Although the Yueh-Han, Che-Kan, and Hsiang-Kuei railroad lines are now open to both freight and passenger train traffic, inadequate maintenance and repairs of rails and roadbeds due to lack of parts and materials, are causing numerous accidents. Recently a freight train from Shang-hai overturned at Ying-te station on the Yueh-Han line, and on 13 February, another train was derailed near Wu-ch'ang station.

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